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Dear Mr Foley:

I am writing in strong support of the application of Patient Centric Martha's Vineyard for a change of use in connection with the establishment of a medical marijuana facility in West Tisbury.

While I readily acknowledge that I am a board member of PCMV, I am writing as a two time cancer survivor and a former board member of the Martha's Vineyard Cancer Support Group and Hospice of Martha's Vineyard. I know first hand the benefits of medical marijuana for cancer patients - a benefit that often supplants prescription medications.

But from what I saw and heard at the hearing on May 4, the desirability of this kind of facility is hopefully not really the issue. The neighbors seem most concerned about traffic, lighting and other issues brought about when any business locates in the area. As others have pointed out, this area is zoned specifically for this type of business and much in the area already is far more unsightly and disruptive than this proposed business. I believe PCMV will do all it can to mitigate any issues you decide are indeed valid.

We on Martha's Vineyard (and perhaps everywhere that human beings try to live and work near each other) are often confronted by "I support this business but not HERE!" - the classic Not in My Backyard protest. While I understand their objections, I do not think in this instance they are justified. This facility is needed on this island and this location, I believe, will work well for everyone.

I urge the MV Commission to approve this application.

Sincerely,

Eleanor S Beth

cc - Geoff Rose, PCMV